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TOM BLOXHAM



May 2

"Inspiring Urban Revitalization"

Monday, May 2, 2005, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
UW Architecture Hall, Room 147

FEATURING: Tom Bloxham, MBE, Hon. FRIBA
Group Chairman and Cofounder, Urban Splash, Manchester, UK

Event part of the UW College of Architecture and Urban Planning PRAXIS Lecture Series

Learn from one of Britain's most celebrated and innovative developers, Tom Bloxham, about reclaiming city centers and historic sites and turning them into vibrant, livable places. Bloxham's firm, Urban Splash, is recognized as a pioneer of regeneration and advocate of modern design in city centers throughout England. It specializes in retrofitting neglected historic buildings and industrial sites, working with architects and local governments to transform them into centerpieces of urban revitalization.

Established in 1993, Urban Splash works on the basis that any urban redevelopment is about more than just bricks and mortar; it's about using enlightened design, creating new communities, enhancing people's lifestyles. In the last 12 years, Urban Splash has created over 3,000 new jobs, 1,000 new homes and over one million square feet of award-winning residential and commercial space, with another 100 million square feet in the pipeline. Its role in turning the run-down buildings of Manchester and Liverpool into exciting places to live and work is well celebrated.

Urban Splash has enjoyed a meteoric rise and has been given Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) Awards for Architecture for all its major developments. In 2002, the company became the first private property developer to receive the prestigious RIBA Client of the Year Award.

Bloxham is described on the Urban Splash website as its "least qualified Board member." He sold fire extinguishers door to door, studied for a degree in politics, and ran a market stall before falling into property development. Since founding the company with his partner, Jonathan Falkingham, an architectural designer, he has devoted himself to changing the way developers see inner cities.

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